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(ii) Officer or enlisted evaluation reports.

(iii) Copies of TDY or special duty orders reflecting participation within the specified timeframe and geographical location cited.

(iv) After-action reports, situation reports, rosters, unit files or any other records or documentation which verify the service members participation.

(v) Statements from commanders, supervisors, or other officials who were in a position to substantiate the service members direct participation in the area of operation.

(c) The HSM is a U.S. service medal and does not preclude or conflict with other service medals or decorations awarded on the basis of valor, achievement or meritorious service.

(d) No person will be awarded more than one HSM for participation in the same military act or operation.

(e) A service star will be worn to denote direct participation in second or subsequent humanitarian acts or operations. The approved HSM operations are provided in AR 600-8-22 and the HQDA Military Awards Branch Web site: <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/HSM.doc>.

(f) See AR 672-20 for Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service.

(g) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter, surmounted by an open hand, palm up, extending to the upper left. On the reverse is a sprig of oak in a left oblique slant between the inscription "FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE" in three horizontal lines, and "UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES" in an arc around the base. The ribbon is 1⅜ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ⅜ inch Imperial Purple 67161; ¼ inch White 67101; ⅜ inch Bluebird 67117; ¼ inch Flag Blue 67124; ⅜ inch Bluebird; ¼ inch White; and ⅜ inch Imperial Purple.

§ 578.36 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) was established by Executive Order 12830, January 9, 1993. It may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their Reserve Components, who subsequent to December

31, 1992, perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature.

(b) To qualify for award of the MOVSM a service member's volunteer service must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be to the civilian community, to include the military family community.

(2) Be significant in nature and produce tangible results.

(3) Reflect favorably on the Military Service and the DOD.

(4) Be of a sustained and direct nature.

(c) While there is no specific time period to qualify for the MOVSM (for example, 500 hours of community service within 24 calendar months), approval authorities shall ensure the service to be honored merits the special recognition afforded by this medal. The MOVSM is intended to recognize exceptional community support over time and not a single act or achievement. Further, it is intended to honor direct support of community activities. For the purpose of this award, attending membership meetings or social events of a community service group is not considered qualifying service, while manning a community crisis action telephone line is considered qualifying service.

(d) Approval authority for award of the MOVSM will be commanders (overseas and CONUS (continental United States)) serving in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or higher. Before the recommendation is forwarded to the award approval authority, the recommender must certify that the service member meets the eligibility criteria for award of the MOVSM. Substantiating documentation, such as record of hours contributed, letters or certificates from activity supervisors, or other proof of the service member's volunteer services may be attached as enclosures to the recommendation.

(e) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1⅜ inches in diameter bearing on the obverse, five annulets interlaced enfiled by a star and environed by a wreath of laurel. On the reverse is a sprig of oak between the inscription "OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE" at the top and "UNITED STATES

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ARMED FORCES" at the bottom. The ribbon is 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: $\frac{1}{8}$ inch Bluebird 67117; $\frac{1}{8}$ inch Goldenlight 67107; $\frac{3}{16}$ inch Bluebird; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch Green 67129; $\frac{5}{32}$ inch Goldenlight; center $\frac{1}{16}$ inch Green; $\frac{5}{32}$ inch Goldenlight; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch Green; $\frac{3}{16}$ inch Bluebird; $\frac{1}{8}$ inch Goldenlight; and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch Bluebird.

§ 578.37 Army Good Conduct Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM) was established by Executive Order 8809, June 28, 1941 and was amended by Executive Order 9323, 1943 and by Executive Order 10444, April 10, 1953. It is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active Federal military service. It is awarded on a selective basis to each soldier who distinguishes himself or herself from among his or her fellow soldiers by his exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active Federal military service. There is no right or entitlement to the medal until the immediate commander has approved the award and the award has been announced in permanent orders.

(b) *Personnel eligible:* (1) Active Component enlisted soldiers.

(2) Active Guard Reserve (AGR) enlisted personnel serving on extended periods of active duty (other than for training) under 10 U.S.C. and 32 U.S.C. are eligible for award of the AGCM for qualifying service beginning on or after September 1, 1982, provided no period of the service has been duplicated by the same period of service for which the soldier has been awarded the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (ARCAM). The AGCM qualification period may commence anytime during the 3 years immediately preceding the September 1, 1982 effective date provided no portion of service for the AGCM is included in a period of service for which the ARCAM was awarded.

(3) Retroactively to eligible Army of the United States (AUS) enlisted personnel.

(4) Other Army enlisted personnel as may be directed by the Secretary of the Army.

(c) *Awarding authority.* Unit commanders are authorized to award the AGCM to enlisted personnel serving

under their command jurisdiction who meet the established criteria. Send requests for award of the AGCM for former soldiers to NPRC (see § 578.8(e) for address). Requests for award of the AGCM for Army National Guard and Army Reserve members for periods of active duty based on qualifying prior active Federal military service (Regular Army and AUS) will be forwarded through normal command channels to the Commander, USA HRC-St. Louis, ATTN: ARPC-PSP-R, One Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. Separation transfer points will review the records of enlisted personnel being separated to determine whether they qualify for the AGCM. Where possible, make a reasonable effort to contact the unit commander before awarding the medal to qualified members.

(d) *Basis for approval.* The immediate unit commander's decision to award the AGCM will be based on his or her personal knowledge and of the individual's official records for periods of service under previous commanders during the period for which the award is to be made. The lack of official disqualifying comment by such previous commanders qualifies the use of such period toward the award by the current commander.

(e) *Qualifying periods of service.* Any one of the following periods of continuous enlisted active Federal military service qualifies for award of the AGCM or of an AGCM Clasp (see paragraph (h) of this section in conjunction with the criteria in paragraph (f) of this section):

(1) Each 3 years completed on or after August 27, 1940.

(2) For first award only, 1 year served entirely during the period December 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946.

(3) For first award only, upon termination of service on or after June 27, 1950, of less than 3 years but more than 1 year.

(4) For first award only, upon termination of service, on or after June 27, 1950, of less than 1 year when final separation was by reason of physical disability incurred in the line of duty.

(5) For first award only, for those individuals who died before completing 1 year of active Federal military service